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## Students anticipate Andy Grammer concert

### CAMPUS LIFE



Students dress up for Halloween pancake dinner.

Jordan Cameron  
Staff Writer

In the realm of small private schools, it's not often that a chart-topping music artist performs in their gymnasium. That's not the case here at Clarke University. The singer/song writer made famous by his singles "Fine By Me" and "Keep Your Head Up" Andy Gramme, a new age alternative rock artist from Los Angeles, will perform at Clarke Nov. 15.

Grammer made his first appearance nationwide on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and played as a cover artist for Taylor Swift, Train, and Colbie Caillat.

Grammer is the first male pop singer since John Mayer in 2002 to reach the Top 10 at Adult Pop Radio on his first two singles. The buzz around campus is enthusiastic.

"I am excited; I've never been to a concert before and it's



Pop artist Andy Grammer will perform at Clarke November 15.

pretty cool my first one will be on my own campus," said freshman art major Emma Duehr. "I was surprised a small school like ours could get a big name guy like that, it goes to show how awesome this school really is."

Students have many reasons for looking forward to the concert. Sophomore nursing major, Olivia Vogel said "As soon as I found out that Andy Grammer was coming

I was shocked. I get ready to his music in the morning."

The concert is sponsored by the Arts at Clarke committee. The committee went through several steps in choosing the right artist.

"There are many artists out there who are not open to performing in the college market, primarily because they can and do sell out stadiums of 50,000 plus," said committee member Callie Clark.

"In this particular case, we used a company in the music industry to help find which artists were agreeable to performing in the college market, and that were within our price range." The committee reviewed several artists willing to perform in the college market while fitting their budget and having universal recognition.

"It is quite exciting for us to have Andy on campus next week, and I hope that our students, and our greater community, take advantage of this opportunity!" said Clark.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Robert and Ruth Kehl Center. Ticket prices for the general public are \$20, \$15 for students and \$10 for Clarke Students.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the Whitlow Campus Store.

### SPORTS



Q&A with Women's Soccer's Ina Pruzinksi.

Rachel Armstrong  
Staff Writer

As part of this year's Mackin-Mailander lecture series Oct. 13 Clarke hosted Jamie Tworkowski, the founder of To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA), a non-profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide.

The lecture started with a musical performance by Noah Gunderson followed by Tworkowski's presentation and a question and answer.

"I was in tears by the end of the question and answer session," said junior nursing major Heather Jenkinson. "The experiences that the people shared really moved me, and Jamie seemed truly interested in each and every person's story."

To Write Love on Her Arms began in 2006 when Tworkowski wrote a story about a friend struggling with addiction and self-injury.

"The title "To Write Love on Her Arms" was a phrase written in my story," said Tworkowski. "It really was a goal, a goal related to iden-

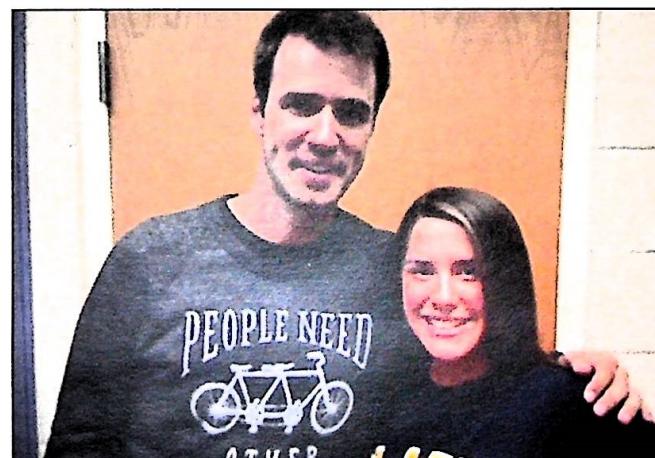


photo: Rachel Armstrong

Rachel Armstrong, staff writer, with founder of TWLOHA. It was the idea of my friend believing that she could start over and that she deserved that chance."

A MySpace page was created to give the story a home, and T-shirts were sold to pay for the friend's treatment.

As others began to share their stories, it soon became clear that his friend's story was not just about one person. TWLOHA had stumbled onto a bigger story, a conversation that needed to be had.

"It was the way people responded that left us feeling like we had no choice but to become a steward of this common sto-

Senior graphic design major Grace Jennejahn found Tworkowski's presentation to be very moving. "It was easy for me to relate to Jamie because he was young and engaging," said Grace.

"His stories were really striking and I appreciated that they were relatable to college students."

From beginning to end, the presentation was nothing short of inspirational. The efforts put forth by Tworkowski and the TWLOHA team have resulted in them responding to over 160,000 messages from more than 100 countries, in addition to investing \$850,000 directly in treatment and recovery.

Through the musical support of bands like Switchfoot, Paramore and The Rocket Summer, TWLOHA has been able to reach broader audiences while signifying that it is okay to talk about things such as addiction and self-injury.

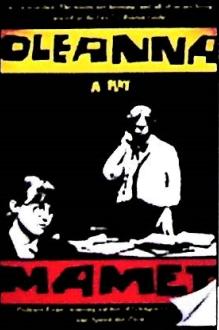
"Music suggests that it's okay to be honest, it's okay to ask questions," said Tworkowski. His hope is that more and more people will get involved and share their stories to inspire others to believe that a better life awaits them.

### SPORTS



Clarke's very own Cardinals fanatic reacts to loss.

### A & E



Clarke drama department to present "Oleanna."

# CAMPUS LIFE

## Clarke students assist Chicago's less fortunate

Christiann Bramble  
Staff Writer

Campus Ministry has had a busy year thus far. It has been involved in activities such as Into the Streets, All About the Mass, World Food Day, and the Busy Person's Retreat.

Recently a group went on a trip to Chicago, the Fall Mission Trip from October 18 to the 20.

Last year the group went to Milwaukee; this year was a completely different experience because they focused more on poverty while last year it was immigration.

The Ministry tries to go within three to four hours away so they can do more service and less travel to get there.

Eleven students and two staff members went on the trip and were led by Radie Roberts, assistant director and Anastasia Nicklaus, director of Campus Ministry.



photo: Radie Roberts

Melanie Schultz, sophomore, elementary education; Maggie Dolan, sophomore, business administration; and Megan Lemkuhl, biology; assist at a food pantry on the recent Clarke Mission trip.

Friday afternoon the group helped the women of Tepeyac Elementary School sort donations, organize the school library, and hand out donations at the food pantry attached to the school.

"Our volunteers really en-

joyed helping students with homework and playing games at the after school program," said Roberts.

"Saturday morning the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland set up a garage sale," said Nicklaus.

The group assisted with preparations for their baby bottle fundraiser and organized clothing donations.

"The Clarke students were impressed by the love showed by this organization to its clients. It was a great example of faith in action," said Nicklaus.

On Saturday afternoon the group volunteered by doing yard work with the Garden Center, which serves people with developmental disabilities.

"Our students really saw the value of working in the background and how much of a difference that can make for an organization," said Roberts.

Anna Barclay, a freshman elementary education major with a minor in Spanish, said,

"I would definitely go again because I got to meet a lot of great people that shared the same interest as me in serving

God. I also enjoyed the volunteer work because I like to see the joy it brings to others and it brings joy into my life. The trip brought me closer in my relationship with God and Clarke in general, and it made me realize how blessed I am to have the life that God has given me."

Riley Taubert, a junior majoring in pre med said, "I liked having the opportunity to help people in a new community, being able to meet new people and to be inspired."

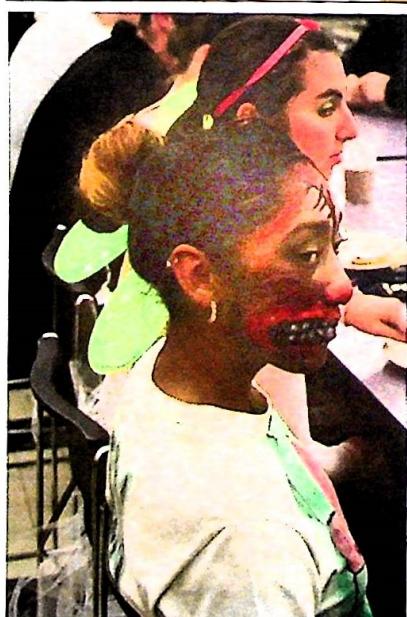
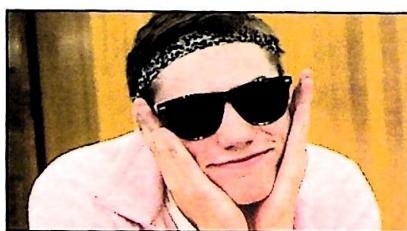
"Being able to volunteer for people less fortunate and work directly with them is inspiring because you get to meet some amazing people and become inspired to work past your obstacles as many of them have working past theirs."

"I would definitely go on this trip and again feel that is something that everyone should experience."



## Pancakes and costumes...

Clarke celebrates Halloween with the annual costume pancake dinner  
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# SPORTS

## Q&A with women's soccer Ina Pruzinskis

Hilary Van Praag  
Staff Writer

Ina Pruzinskis, a sophomore majoring in education, has been a key player for Clarke, bringing a lot of size to the field.

Why did you decide to continue your soccer career at Clarke? On one of my Clarke visits I got to meet with Tyler Oehmen, a 2013 grad who was on the men's volleyball team, and he invited me to come try out. I tried out in December of my senior year, and then was given an offer to play soccer here. The team seemed like a good fit for me; the girls are great, we are all competitive and goal oriented, which makes us work cohesively.

What has been your most memorable Clarke soccer moment? Honestly, my most memorable Clarke soccer moment was our recent game against Mount Mercy where we won in overtime. This was also our Senior Day game where we commemorated our seniors on the team; the game was played and won for them. We ended up getting a better seed in conference and a rematch against AIB for our first round of playoffs.

With the season coming to an end, do you have any goals for the last few games? We are a great team! Our record may not show it (9-9), but we are a great team, and we have had extremely close games, especially in conference. I want to win conference this season; that is my goal. I want to win every game left in the season so that, in the end, we will end up in the National Tournament.

What was the toughest game to play in?

I think our toughest game was St. Ambrose this year, and that was because a bunch of our teammates got sick during the game and two of our goalkeepers were injured. It just made for a difficult game because we were thrown out of our rhythm.

Is there anything you have learned from your freshman year that you have applied to this year's season?

In my freshman year, I tended to play panicked so I would get rid of the ball quickly without purpose. This year, I feel

much more confident with the ball, and I think part of that has come from the work I have done to improve my first touch. Becoming more comfortable with the ball at my feet has made me feel much less panicked on the field.

Do you plan to play competitive soccer after you graduate from Clarke?

Probably not, which is going to be hard! But I have a career in elementary education to look forward to, and I think I would like to coach youth soccer as well.

Is there an upperclassmen teammate that you look up to when playing?

There is! I definitely look up to Emily Janecek. I have gotten close with her this season, and she has had the patience to talk to me about what things I need to improve on as a soccer player. She spent some one-on-one time before practice with me so that I could improve on my first touch. She also would watch game films with me and point out what I did in a situation and what I could have



Ina Pruzinskis (front) performs on the field for Clarke.

done differently. She is a great leader and friend, someone I feel I can turn to for advice.

Do you have any favorite quotes you like to live by?

"Somewhere behind the athlete you've become and the hours of practice and the coaches who have pushed

you is a little girl who fell in love with the game and never looked back... play for her."

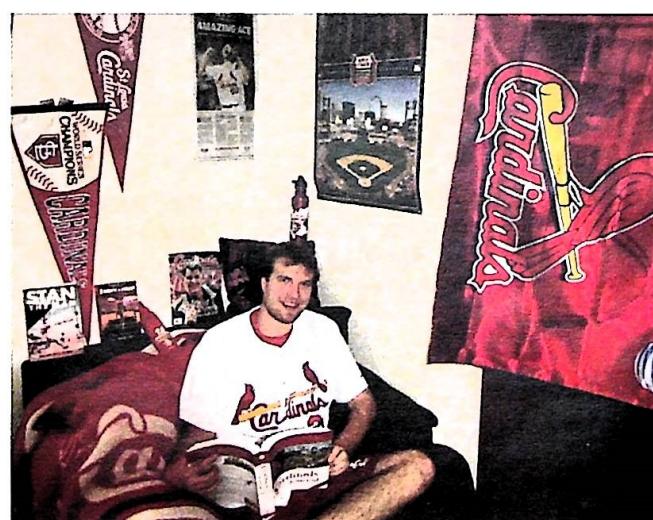
*—Mia Hamm, former American professional women's soccer player.*

## Clarke's best-known Cards fan makes best of Series loss

Trent Davis  
Contributor

As an undergrad, Tyler Oehmen, who is now a grad student in organizational leadership at Clarke, was your typical Clarke University student. A communication major, he was active in organizations on campus and part of the men's volleyball team for four years. But there is something not so typical about 2013 grad Tyler Oehmen; he is a Cardinals freak to the extent that last week's loss in the World Series has only increased his faith in the team's future.

Tyler is from St. Louis, and may be one of the biggest Cardinal fans in the world. He lived about 10 minutes from Busch Stadium, where the Cardinals play, and he would attend games all the time. In 2004, when he was in eighth grade, a year the Cardinals won the World Series, he went and bought a baseball statistics book that contained almost every stat from every year. He can even tell you any year the Cardinals won the World



Tyler Oehmen, shows off his collection of Cardinals memorabilia after the team's recent appearance in the World Series.

Series. "My biggest regret in life was not being in St. Louis when the Cardinals won the World Series in 2011," Tyler says. "I was just surrounded by people who didn't care what was happening while the entire city of St. Louis was going crazy." (Unfortunately, he did remind me how his Cardinals beat my beloved Milwaukee Brewers in the 1982

World Series and also that the Cardinals beat the Brewers again in the 2011 NLCS.) Last week, Tyler's Cardinals made it to the World Series, only to be beaten by the Boston Red Sox in six games.

The sports world has been saying that this is a great win for the city of Boston after the Boston Marathon Bombings, but Tyler doesn't agree. "No

city deserves to win a championship because of a tragedy," says Tyler. "Frankly, I think it's bad that lots of people haven't moved on yet. One of my best friends was at the marathon that day and at MIT when everything else went down. It was scary and awful, but I think it's been time to move forward for a while."

As for his critique of what went wrong, Tyler said, "Our offense didn't really show up and the Red Sox were hot. It doesn't matter how good a team is in the playoffs. It only matters how hot they are."

The Red Sox and Cardinals have been two of the best teams in baseball all season long, so it was fitting that they squared off under the bright lights on the biggest stage in the game. Also, being a baseball fan, I know that the Cardinals will be a force to be reckoned with for years to come. As a Brewer fan, I know this team is going to be scary good. They'll be World Series favorites for next season for sure.

"They're going to be really good. They've got the game's

best catcher in Yadier Molina, an amazing pitching staff, and a potential Hall of Famer in Matt Holliday," says Tyler. "Plus all the young talent we have is remarkable. All baseball fans are going to be excited to watch this team for years to come."

Besides being a baseball fanatic, Tyler has also made a difference at Clarke. He was on the "Courier" for four semesters and he was editor for two of them. He was also on the "Catalyst" staff twice and began a radio broadcast on campus in the SAC.

Tyler was responsible for the naming of the class of 2013's tree during the Convocation ceremony. The name? #Tree. "It was 100 percent a joke, but then I realized that it actually made sense," says Tyler.

The name represented how much social media, especially Twitter, has impacted Clarke. He remembers that when he came to Clarke he only knew of two people who had Twitter accounts and now nearly everyone does.

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# EXTRAS

## Clarke to perform play about sexual exploitation

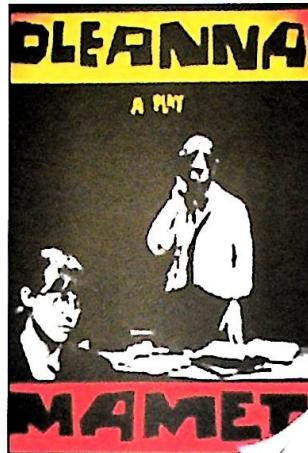
Elizabeth Palmer  
Staff Writer

"Oleanna" is a two-character play dealing with issues of control and power in a higher education setting. The David Mamet play, which will be performed by the Clarke drama department November 21 through the 23, is extremely controversial as a student and professor become intertwined in a power struggle.

Published in 1992, the play features confrontations between a university professor and one of his female students involving sexual exploitation.

Joe Klinebriel, associate professor of drama at Clarke, plays the professor character and Carol Blitgen, BVM, professor emerita of drama, is the director of the play.

"Working on "Oleanna" is an incredible opportunity," said Mary Zanger, a junior business major and drama minor. "I feel blessed to be working with Joe and Carol. I'm learning so much. When "Oleanna" opened on Broadway there was a lot of contro-



versy surrounding the portrayal of characters and the topics it explores, so I hope this production can spark discussion on campus."

"Oleanna" is a journey into the world of higher education, exploitation, and power struggles between the sexes.

The play will be performed November 21 through the 23, at 7:30 p.m. and November 24 at 2 p.m. in the Terence Donaghoe Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for non-Clarke students.

## ON OTHER CAMPUSES

Iowa college crowns transgender homecoming queen Student Steven Sanchez made history last month when fellow students crowned him homecoming queen of the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls. Steven was born male, but identifies himself as both male and female, making him Northern Iowa's first transgender homecoming queen or king. "I never would have thought years ago that I'd be standing on a stage, people cheering for me because they voted me homecoming queen," says Steven. "It was unbelievable." Having faced being bullied his entire life, Steven says Northern Iowa has become a place where he finally feels at home.

—USA Today

**T.A. sends students porn instead of math answers**  
A University of Iowa teaching assistant meant to send students answers to a set of math problems, but instead accidentally sent nude photos of herself and her boyfriend. According to students on the receiving end of the unsolicited pictures, the images were captured during a cybersex session between the TA and her boyfriend. The university confirms the incident saying "the individual who sent the messages has stated that it was an accident. She regrets her actions. We will ask those who received the message to delete it and not to share the files with anyone else."

—New York Daily News

**University puts applicants on waitlist if they cannot afford tuition**  
According to George Washington University's student newspaper, the "GW Hatchet," the university gives preference to wealthier students in the final stages of the admissions process while hundreds of academically comparable but needier students are put on the waitlist for admission because they lack financial resources. Admissions representatives do not consider financial need during the first round of reading applications; however, before applicants are notified, the university examines its financial aid budget and decides which students it can actually afford to admit.

—Huffington Post

## Media Watch

Michael Francis  
Staff Writer



Sam Geirgich  
sophomore, nursing



Olivia Vogel  
sophomore, nursing



Megan Nies  
sophomore, nursing



Stephanie Aasen  
sophomore,  
education and math

### What new CD are you listening to?

SG: Kanye West- "Yeezus"  
OV: Miley Cyrus "Bangerz"  
MN: Miley Cyrus "Bangerz"  
SA: Miley Cyrus "Bangerz"

### What is the strangest song on your Ipod?

SG: Old rock songs  
OV: Notorious BIG "Juicy"  
MN: Miley Cyrus "23"  
SA: "Boom Boom Boom" by Vengaboys

### What is your favorite movie this year?

SG: "Iron Man 3"  
OV: "The Great Gatsby"  
MN: "Safe Haven"  
SA: "The Heat"

### What is the last YouTube video you watched?

SG: "How to do the 'WOP'"  
OV: "What Does the Fox Say"  
MN: "What Does the Fox Say"  
SA: "How animals eat their food"

### What was your last tweet about?

SG: Snow  
OV: Insomnia  
MN: My best friend's birthday  
SA: Sleepovers with my best friend

## Clarke's Biggest Cardinal's Fan

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Tyler is also an announcer at Clarke athletic events, including volleyball, soccer, and baseball games. He works with Clarke Sports Information Director Jerry Hanson in writing articles for the athletics website.

Tyler wants to get as many people to athletic events as he possibly can. "Being part of the volleyball team, I know for a fact that when more fans show up, we play better." He says, "I can almost guarantee you we didn't lose a game with a packed gym."

Last summer Tyler decided to come back to Clarke to enroll in the new masters in organizational leadership degree. Some day he would like to work in the athletic department for a professional sports team, especially the St. Louis Cardinals.

He says that he loves it at Clarke and if the right job opportunity came up here, he would definitely take it.

Tyler says of his impact here at Clarke. "I want to be outgoing enough for people to remember me for being me," he says, "When people see the Cardinals play, I think it is great when they think of me. I couldn't be more proud."

## BLOOD DRIVE

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in the SAC, CBH, Atrium and Cafeteria

## One Last Thing...

Shelly Graybill  
Editor

What is the last picture in your phone's camera roll?



Betsy Nauman  
Senior, nursing.

"The last picture I took was of my puppy watching the Packer's game in his football jersey. He's definitely a Packer fan!"



Carrie Wagner  
Senior, nursing.

"The last picture I took was of my dog wearing this cute sweater. He's getting ready for the cold winter months."